

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegations on issue of QC certificates without rejection or recovery for CC road works which are very much substandard in (5) CC road works in Chandrapadu Mandal of Krishna District - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada under Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charge - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.359

Dated : 07.05.2024.

Read:

G.O.Rt.No.353, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:07-05-2024

ORDER:-

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I and II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure III and IV). Copies of documents are furnished herewith.
3. Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.
- 4. Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada, is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He, should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.
5. Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada, is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para (3) above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.
6. Attention of Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior

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authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC Sub-Division, Vijayawada **through** Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.)

Copy to:

The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.

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ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (PR), V&QC SUB-DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA

Charge:

That Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), V&QC, Sub-Division, Vijayawada has inspected (5) works out of (101) CC road works in Chandarlapadu Mandal, Krishna District (erstwhile) earlier to Special Inspection Team but proposed NIL recovery for the (5) works causing loss to the Government to a tune of Rs.8.80 lakhs. Thus it is evident that there is very poor quality checking done by him and he failed to discharge his legitimate duty and issued QC Certificates without rejection or recovery for works which are very much substandard. He should have taken proper care during the inspection, but he failed to discharge his legitimate duties and caused loss to the Government Exchequer.

Thus, Sri V. Srinivasa Rao, Assistant Executive Engineer, V&QC, Sub-Division, Vijayawada showed gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties and acted in contravention of Rule 3 of APCS(Conduct) Rules 1964.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K. SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, V&QC, SUB-DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA

BASIS :

The Government through Govt.Memo.No.1202/Vig.V2020-4, dt.5.5.2020 of PR&RD Dept. appointed the Commissioner, PR&RD as Nodal Officer for verification of all the material component works executed under MGNREGS in PR&RD during the period from 1.10.2018 to 31.05.2019. In turn the Commissioner, PR&RD through Lr.No.PRR0S-17022/1/2019-EGS works SEC-CORD (987840) dt.13.5.2020 instructed all the District Collectors to constitute the verification teams in each District with Vigilance and Quality Control wings of P.R. Engineering Dept., RWS &S, Technical persons in SSAAT, Q.C.Wing of RD, R&B and Irrigation Departments. The verification team should be with a person in the cadre of Deputy Executive Engineer, VQC as the team head, 1-2

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AEs/ AEs of VQC, one- two resource persons from SSAAT along with 2 helpers in general. As per instructions of the Commissioner, PR&RD the District Collectors have constituted the verification teams in each District. Accordingly, The District Collector, Krishna District has formed the verification team No. 3 headed by Sri G.Venkata Ratnam, Dy.Executive Engineer, PR, V&QC, Machilipatnam and the Team 3 has inspected 101 CC road works in Chandralapadu Mandal. All these 101 works were previously inspected by the PRED VQC wing. Details of the Executive Engineer's report on 101 works inspections done by both the teams are as below.

(Rs. in lakhs)

No of works	By PREDVQC Wing						By verification Team						Loss to Govt	V&QC Officers responsible for loss
	Rejected No	Rejected Value	Recovery No	Recovery Value	No. with NIL	Total	Rejected No	Rejected Value	Recovery No	Recovery Value	No. with NIL	Total		
96	0	0	7	0.60	89	0.60	68	517.25	24	5.86	4	523.12	522.52	1.Tulaseswararao (retired) Dy. EE, VQC sub division Vijayawada. 2.CH.V. Rambabu (retired) AEE, VQC Sub Division, Vijayawada
5	0	0	0	0	5	0	1	7.24	4	1.56	0	8.80	8.80	1.Tulaseswararao (retired) Dy. EE, VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada. 2)K. Srinivas Rao, AEE, VQC Sub Division, Vijayawada
101	0	0	7	0.60	94	0.60	69	524.49	28	7.42	7.24	531.92	531.92	

The Special Verification team inspected (101) works duly rejecting 69 works with value of Rs.524.49 lakhs, proposed recovery for 28 works with a value of Rs.7.42 lakhs and NIL recovery proposed for 4 no. of works. Total amount proposed for recovery comes out to Rs.531.92 lakhs (Rs.524.49lakhs+Rs.7.42 lakhs).

Sri P. Tulaseswarara Rao (Retired), Dy. E.E., VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada has inspected all the 101 works earlier to Special Team but proposed recovery for 7 works only with a value of Rs.0.60 lakhs only and NIL recovery for the remaining 94 works causing a loss to the Government for Rs.531.32 lakhs. With this it is evident that there is very poor checking and Sri P.Tulaseswarara Rao (Retired), Dy. EE, VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada failed in discharging his legitimate duty and issued QC Certificates without rejection or recovery for works which are very much substandard.

Sri Ch.V.Rambabu (Retired), A.E., VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada has inspected 96 works out of 101 works earlier to Special Team but proposed recovery for 7 works with a value of Rs.0.60 lakhs only and NIL recovery for the remaining 89 works causing a loss to the Government for Rs.522.52 lakhs. With this it is evident that there is very poor checking and Sri Ch.V.Rambabu (Retired), A.E., VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada failed in discharging his legitimate duty and issued QC Certificates without rejection or recovery for works which are very much substandard.

Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, AEE, VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada has inspected 5 works out of 101 works earlier to Special Team but proposed NIL recovery for the 5 works causing a loss to the Government for Rs.8.80 lakhs. With this it is evident that there is very poor checking and Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, AEE, VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada failed in discharging his legitimate duty and issued QC Certificates without rejection or recovery for works which are very much substandard.

Thus, the Government Servant, Sri K. Srinivasa Rao, AEE, VQC Sub-Division, Vijayawada, showed his gross negligence in attending his legitimate duties. By the above mentioned acts, he failed to maintain absolute integrity, devotion to the duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant and there by contravened the Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of APCS(Conduct)Rules 1964. Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, V&QC, SUB-DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

1. Govt.Memo.No.1202/Vig.1/2020-4, dt:5.5.2020 of PR&RD Dept.
- 2.Letter No. PRR0S-17022/1/2019-EGS works SEC-CORD(987840) dt:13.5.2020 of Commissioner, PR&RD, Tadepalli, Guntur Dist.
- 3.Letter Rc.No. AEE / QC.2/ V&QC/Allegation/Chandarlapadu /Krishna Dist., dt.18.03.2021 of Chief Engineer (PR) V&QC, Vijayawada
- 4.Govt. Memo No.PRR0I-PRE0VIG/1/2024-VIG-I-1, dt.31.01.2024 of PR&RD (V.I)Dept.
- 5.Letter No.AE1/IRs/2023, dt.16.02.2024 of Executive Engineer (PR) V&QC Division, Vijayawada.

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ANNEXURE-IV

-LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHOM THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.SRINIVASA RAO, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, V&QC, SUB-DIVISION, VIJAYAWADA ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED

- NIL-

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